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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 279699**

**NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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**NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

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**NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**  
**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

<b>TRUSTEES</b>	Ms C Alkaff Ms L Daniels Ms P Healy Mr S Caro Ms M L Hartley Mr Z Khan Ms N Nail Ms H Beaumont (appointed 27.4.2022) Mr A Daddou (appointed 27.4.2022) Ms L M Acland (appointed 27.2.2023)
<b>REGISTERED OFFICE</b>	Unit 23, Baseline Studios Whitchurch Road London W11 4AT
<b>REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER</b>	01480110 (England and Wales)
<b>REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER</b>	279699
<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</b>	Berringers LLP Chartered Accountants Lygon House 50 London Road Bromley Kent BR1 3RA

## **NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The Law Centre is a charity whose objectives, as defined by the Articles of Association as amended on 11 July 2016, are:

- \* to relieve poor persons resident, or working, in the Benefit Area by providing such persons with legal services which they could not otherwise obtain through lack of means;
- \* the advancement of education of persons resident or working in the Benefit Area; and
- \* the advancement of any charitable purposes as are beneficial to the community for persons resident or working in the Benefit Area.

The Benefit Area means the area of Greater London or elsewhere in the United Kingdom as the charity shall from time to time consider.

##### **Significant activities**

The principal activity of the Law Centre continues to be the provision of legal advice and representation to persons resident or working within Greater London and beyond with priority given to those who live or work or have a connection with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

Our focus is on housing, asylum and immigration (including cases funded by Legal Aid, where eligible and in scope) welfare benefits employment (for which Legal Aid is not available) and crime for which the Law Centre no longer holds a Legal Aid Contract, but a small amount of pro bono work is carried out by a volunteer crime solicitor.

The organisation holds the Lexcel Quality Mark in all these areas of practice and is an Accredited Living Wage and London Living Wage employer (member of the Living Wage Foundation).

Whilst Kensington and Chelsea features among the top 10% of UK local economies in the recently published UK Prosperity Index, more than 1 in 5 (23%) Kensington and Chelsea neighbourhoods are among the 20% most income-deprived in England and Wales, while one in four children in Kensington and Chelsea (24.4%) lived in poverty in 2019/20.

Deprivation in Kensington and Chelsea is not a new phenomenon, but the Grenfell Tower fire and the Covid-19 pandemic have highlighted and intensified the issue.

In particular, the economic impact of lockdowns and social restrictions have left many struggling to make ends meet, put food on the table and heat their homes.

In a more general perspective, although the hardships experienced in North Kensington and the rest of the borough were amplified due to local and specific factors, it did not escape the Law Centre's attention that the hardship was felt and continues to be felt across London and the nation.

In addition to these very challenging conditions, the crisis created by the rising costs of living is creating a perfect storm for the marginalised communities that North Kensington Law Centre was established to assist.

In light of the severe hardship that our local residents and Londoners at large have continued to feel, North Kensington Law Centre has sought to double its efforts in terms of being a local community as well as a Pan London asset.

## **NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

We have seen that our areas of legal specialisms are important tools in the mission to relieve destitution and poverty.

In this rising cost of living crisis, we are particularly proud of the impact that our Welfare Benefit Unit has, in improving the lives of marginalised communities through the maximisation of benefits, having raised £608,509 in this year to date. We are grateful to our experienced Senior Welfare Benefits Advisor Adrian Cooper, a veteran of the North Kensington Law Centre, who has now been with us for over 20 years.

We continue to provide high quality advice through our Employment Unit, improving working and health and safety conditions and ensuring fairness in the labour market as well as empowering workers to understand their conditions better. Barry Mills, our Senior Employment Advisor and Helen Goztas, our Employment Paralegal have been instrumental in the success of the Employment Unit.

The rising cost of living crisis has had many effects, locally and nationally. More specifically:

- 'The cost-of-living crisis is piling pressure onto households on the lowest incomes, with the lowest income decile particularly exposed. Analysis by Crisis finds they are spending more than their income on average on housing, food and energy costs. This means that they are at risk of debt, eviction and homelessness, even before further essential living costs have been accounted for. Households in the private rented sector are particularly exposed, due to higher housing costs, with the lowest income decile facing total average housing, food and energy costs exceeding their incomes by 43 per cent.'

- 'With rents rising at record rates, findings from Crisis' research into the cost-of-living crisis has found that over half of low-income renters across Great Britain in November 2022 said their rent had increased and nearly one in four households in receipt of housing benefit (24 per cent) were expecting to fall behind on housing payments over the winter. Citizens Advice reports rapidly rising rent arrears among housing benefit recipients, and evictions from the private rented sector are rising and are a growing cause of homelessness.' (Extract from A tale of two crises: housing and the cost of living - A report by Crisis).

Our Housing Unit, led by our Senior Supervising Solicitor Thalatha Wickramasinghe plays a vibrant and dynamic role in seeking to tackle and bring relief to the housing crisis brought about by the rising cost of living crisis, seeking to avoid evictions and homelessness on behalf of our local residents as well as being a strong advocate for better housing conditions.

There has never been a more pressing moment in the field of Immigration and Asylum as the present headlines and concerning pronouncement made by the current conservative government.

The Nationality and Borders Act 2022 which was followed by the Illegal Migration Act 2023 each reinforced the already existing hostile immigration environment and hardening the already precarious position of migrants and asylum seekers arriving in the United Kingdom.

Our Immigration and Asylum Unit continues its excellent and highly committed work in the defence and representation of asylum seekers, migrants and their families, victims of trafficking and Modern Slavery, victims of the Windrush Scandal as well as the difficulties created by Brexit to a cohort that was previously 'invisible' in immigration terms.

Our talented unit comprises of Cassim Yacoobali, Shilpa Caute, Piret Akerman, Lola Bellieni, Franck Kiangala and we are delighted to have added the talent, enthusiasm, commitment and knowledge of Tia Cottrell-Oriogun and Shirl Wong.

However, all the good work performed by our colleagues would be of no value and our assistance to those most in need of less impact without the support of a dedicated and extremely efficient triaging system, which is ably and expertly led by our Triage Coordinator, Cormac Whitney-Low and his exceptional team of volunteers.

## **NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

North Kensington Law Centre has been in existence for 53 years, having been founded by Peter Kandler, a local solicitor and co-founded by Lord Anthony Gifford KC and our current management sees it as a point of honour not to let the flame extinguish itself and, for this reason, Brianna Hendry, our much valued Finance Manager keeps a very 'tight ship' in relation to our finances and ensuring that the financial choices made are sound and add value to the Law Centre.

Our Director, Franck Kiangala has the overall responsibility to ensure that the services we bring locally and across London are relevant for the time that we are going through, the financial and managerial resilience of North Kensington Law Centre and the continued special place that North Kensington Law Centre has locally and within the Law Centres' movement.

North Kensington Law Centre is a not-for-profit organisation and its ultimate supervision rests with our valued and committed Trustees, who have supported us indefatigably throughout the years, generously donating their precious time, expertise and experience to ensure that the Law Centre excels and that the best interests of those it purports to serve are at the forefront of our actions.

As in previous years, North Kensington Law Centre has been very busy and we assisted in the period between 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, 893 people, generating 939 cases:

#### **Cases Opened by Category in the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023**

<b>Case Details</b>	<b>Client Details</b>	<b>Case Details</b>
<b>Matter Category</b>	<b>Count Number of Clients</b>	<b>Count Number of Cases</b>
[Not Specified]	10	10
Crime	74	74
Employment	127	130
Housing	207	209
Immigration - Asylum	306	316
Welfare Benefits	169	200
<b>Report Total</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>939</b>

#### **Public benefit**

The trustees consider that the objectives and activities stated above of the Law Centre provide public benefit within the meaning and terms of the Charities Act 2011.

## **NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Staff and volunteers**

###### **Staff**

Franck Kiangala - Director & Solicitor (Immigration & Asylum - Supervisor)  
Brianna Hendry - Finance Manager  
Thalatha Wickramasinghe - Senior Supervising Solicitor (Housing)  
Cassim Yacoobali - Solicitor (Immigration & Asylum - Supervisor)  
Shirl Wong - Solicitor (Immigration & Asylum)  
Shilpa Caute - Senior Caseworker (Immigration & Asylum)  
Piret Akerman - Senior Caseworker (Immigration & Asylum)  
Lola Bellieni - Project Co - Ordinator Non - UK Rough Sleepers (Immigration & Asylum)  
Tia Cotrell-Oriogun - Caseworker (Immigration & Asylum)  
Barry Mills - Senior Employment Caseworker & Supervisor  
Helen Goztas - Employment Paralegal  
Adrian Cooper - Senior Welfare Benefits Caseworker & Supervisor  
Cormac Whitney-Low - Triage Co - Ordinator

###### **Volunteers**

The Law Centre relies heavily on the volunteers who help to run triage and offer additional support to caseworkers. Our volunteers undertake six-month placements (minimum one day a week) in triage or casework, depending on experience. Some volunteers continue to work at the Law Centre after the six-month placement.

#### **STRATEGIC REPORT**

##### **Financial position**

Finances for the year to 31 March 2023 remained relatively stable in the short term. Total incoming resources for the year (which represented the total funding we had available for our activities) amounted to £581,430 (2022: £467,071), a increase mainly due to increases in grant funding received. Funds earned from the provision of legal services were £38,826 (2022: £143,339). This includes our income from Legal Aid and our earned income from fees charged to clients.

Grant funding amounted to £539,254 (2022: £312,703) and donations of £2,263 (2022: £10,968).

Our expenditure for the year increased from the previous year, with the total figure of £493,487 (2022: £426,857) reflecting the work required to be done.

The result was a net surplus for the year of £87,943 (2022: £40,214) and funds carried forward of £394,171 (2022: £306,228) of which £394,171 are free reserves.

##### **Salary Increases**

Modest salary increases to account for the rising cost of living were effected across the law centre and parity across supervisors achieved.

##### **Principal funding sources**

The Law Centre is funded from a variety of sources including grants, donations and income derived from our contracts with the Legal Aid Agency in the areas of Housing and Immigration. A list of grantors can be found in the notes to the accounts.

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea continues to provide us with core funding, which in turn allows us to continue to continue our vital work.

## **NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **STRATEGIC REPORT**

##### **Financial review**

##### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have considered the charity's requirements for reserves and have established a policy that aims that the unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be at least three months' expenditure.

The level of reserves remained relatively unchanged during the 22-23 financial year, this will continue to be monitored to ensure these are maintained at an appropriate level, and that where possible the reserves will be increased if average annual expenditure increases.

Post year end, NKLC reserves were increased by £40,800 in May 2023 with funds from the unrestricted reserves to meet the revised three months' expenditure estimate.

With expected increases in costs given the current economic climate, it is likely that these reserves will need to be regularly reviewed to ensure that the target is being met against current costs. However, care must be taken to maintain reserves in a way that doesn't reduce the activities of the law centre, as much funding is received under restricted grants.

##### **Going concern**

We received a wide range of funding throughout the 22-23 year. This was greatly appreciated and meant that we were able to continue delivering services and supporting the community throughout the year.

We have a strong plan in place to continue seeking and applying for funding to support our work, and some new grants have already been secured for the new financial year. As a result of these efforts, the Trustees have confidence that the Law Centre has a secure future ahead.

##### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The trustees are responsible for monitoring operational and financial risks affecting the Law Centre. The Risk Register identifies the principle risks faced by the organisation. The risks are prioritised based on potential impact and likelihood of occurrence and mitigation strategies are developed in collaboration with Law Centre management staff. The Risk Register is reviewed periodically by the Management Committee.

##### **Future plans**

The Centre is actively seeking additional funds to secure the future of the Centre to enable it to continue to serve their community for many more years.

The Law Centre aims to focus on maintaining and expanding services, with a particular focus on securing grant funding for the longer term thus improving stability within the organisation and for the people it supports in the years to come. We also aim to ensure more even funding across our departments, as well as seeking funding to support our core costs to a greater degree. The Trustees will continue to monitor the situation to ensure that the community can be best served by the Centre.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The memorandum and articles of association were last amended on 11 July 2016.



## **NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

We welcomed several new trustees to the board during the year.

Harriet Beaumont and Abbas Daddou were both appointed in April 2022.

We welcomed Lucinda Acland to the board as a trustee and treasurer in February 2023.

Our trustees have a wide range of experience, many of whom bring years of experience of working with Law Centres.

The Law Centre seeks to ensure its trustees possess the requisite balance of developmental, legal and management skills to promote the success of the organisation and the furtherance of its objectives.

We continue to seek suitably qualified trustees to join the Law Centre with a view to bringing new skills to the organisation and promoting trustee diversity.

##### **Organisational structure**

The Law Centre is controlled by a voluntary Management Committee comprising its trustees and is led at the executive level by a Director and Senior Solicitor.

##### **Decision making**

The Management Committee has formal corporate and legal responsibility for all activities and functions of the organisation and operates as follows:

- \* The full Management Committee meets approximately every six weeks during the year.

The annual general meeting is usually held in the third quarter of each financial year.

The trustees have an overall responsibility for ensuring that the Law Centre has an appropriate systems of controls, financial and otherwise. The systems of internal controls are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement of results of operations or financial position and to guard against insolvency. These systems and controls include:

- \* A strategic plan and annual budget approved by the trustees;
- \* Regular consideration by the trustees of financial information, variance from budgets and non-financial performance indicators;
- \* Delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- \* Identification and management of risks.

##### **Key management remuneration**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Key management compensation in year	<u>96,922</u>	<u>93,218</u>

##### **Trustee changes**

Abbas Daddou was appointed as a trustee on 27/04/2022.

Harriet Beaumont was appointed as a trustee on 27/04/2022.

Lucinda Acland was appointed as a trustee on 27/2/2023.

There were no resignations within the year.

## **NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

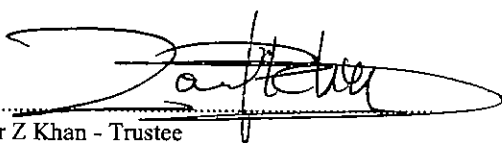
The trustees (who are also the directors of North Kensington Law Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a Strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 16/11/23 and signed on the board's behalf by:

  
.....  
Mr Z Khan - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of North Kensington Law Centre ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

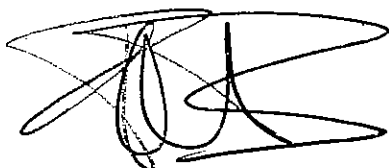
**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Paul Allan BSocSc FCA  
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 16.11.2023

**NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations	2	2,263	-	2,263	10,968
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Provision of legal services		236,113	341,967	578,080	456,042
Other trading activities	3	50	-	50	-
Investment income	4	<u>1,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,037</u>	<u>61</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>239,463</u>	<u>341,967</u>	<u>581,430</u>	<u>467,071</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	6	5,826	-	5,826	9,077
<b>Charitable activities</b>	7				
Provision of legal services		105,743	341,967	447,710	367,626
Support costs		<u>39,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,951</u>	<u>50,154</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>151,520</u>	<u>341,967</u>	<u>493,487</u>	<u>426,857</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		87,943	-	87,943	40,214
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		306,228	-	306,228	266,014
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>394,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>394,171</u>	<u>306,228</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

# NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE

## BALANCE SHEET 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	14	3,502	-	3,502	1,006
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Work in progress	15	73,864	-	73,864	84,885
Debtors	16	75,332	-	75,332	144,156
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>288,017</u>	<u>19,829</u>	<u>307,846</u>	<u>181,180</u>
		437,213	19,829	457,042	410,221
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(46,544)	(19,829)	(66,373)	(104,999)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>390,669</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>390,669</u>	<u>305,222</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>394,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>394,171</u>	<u>306,228</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>394,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>394,171</u>	<u>306,228</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	18				
Unrestricted funds				<u>394,171</u>	<u>306,228</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>394,171</u>	<u>306,228</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

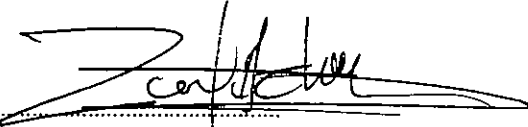
- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

**BALANCE SHEET - continued**  
**31 March 2023**

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....16.11.23.....  
and were signed on its behalf by:

  
Mr Z Khan - Trustee

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**NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>128,956</u>	<u>(30,236)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>128,956</u>	<u>(30,236)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(3,327)	-
Interest received		<u>1,037</u>	<u>61</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(2,290)</u>	<u>61</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>126,666</u>	<u>(30,175)</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>181,180</u>	<u>211,355</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u>307,846</u>	<u>181,180</u>

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**NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**

**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of financial activities)</b>	<b>87,943</b>	<b>40,214</b>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	831	740
Interest received	(1,037)	(61)
Decrease/(increase) in work in progress	11,021	(12,683)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	68,824	(34,452)
Decrease in creditors	<u>(38,626)</u>	<u>(23,994)</u>
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operations</b>	<b><u>128,956</u></b>	<b><u>(30,236)</u></b>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.4.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.23 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>181,180</u>	<u>126,666</u>	<u>307,846</u>
	<u>181,180</u>	<u>126,666</u>	<u>307,846</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>181,180</u></b>	<b><u>126,666</u></b>	<b><u>307,846</u></b>

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**NORTH KENSINGTON LAW CENTRE**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Such income is only deferred where the donor specifies that the grant or donation can be used in a future accounting period, or the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to performance conditions is recognised as earned. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support advice/performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Contract and performance related grant income is deferred when received in advance of the performance of event to which they relate.

Turnover is measured at fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for services provided in the normal course of business, net of VAT.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities include both the direct and support costs relating to these activities. All support costs relate to unrestricted charitable activities.

Where VAT is irrecoverable as a result of partial exemption, this amount is charged to charitable activities.

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#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

##### **Expenditure**

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

##### **Work in progress**

Work in progress is valued at net realisable value, after making due allowances for slow recovery and potential irrecoverable fees.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

##### **Going concern**

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will remain a going concern despite the difficulties faced in the past and the accounts have been prepared on that basis. A feasibility study was carried out previously indicating where costs needed to be reduced and income maximised. Currently, the Centre has stabilised the income from Legal cases, additional grants have been secured and costs have risen only slightly. The trustees will continue to monitor the situation.

##### **Donated Assets**

Donated assets are estimated at market value based on condition when received.

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**2. DONATIONS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	<u>2,263</u>	<u>10,968</u>

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other income	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,037</u>	<u>61</u>

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Legal services		
Activity		
Provision of legal services	38,826	143,339
Grants		
Provision of legal services	<u>539,254</u>	<u>312,703</u>
	<u>578,080</u>	<u>456,042</u>

North Kensington Law Centre is in partnership with Ealing Law Centre for the grant received from London Councils. As lead applicant they receive the funds on behalf of Ealing Law Centre and pass them on. The amount received has been accounted for by including the total receipt in income and the amount paid to Ealing Law Centre as an expense.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amount received from London Councils	190,421	-
Amount paid to Ealing Law Centre	<u>56,175</u>	<u>-</u>
Amount relating to North Kensington Law Centre	<u>134,246</u>	<u>-</u>

Without this adjustment the grants received figures would be £483,079 for 2023.

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea	58,382	61,625
Trust for London	67,625	60,500
City Bridge Trust	-	16,667
Access to Justice Foundation	96,822	37,150
AB Charitable Trust	15,000	15,000
London Legal Support Trust	10,000	10,000
Others - Windrush support fund	<u>-</u>	<u>3,078</u>
Carried forward	247,829	204,020

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**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Brought forward	247,829	204,020
Kensington & Chelsea Foundation	37,554	34,749
Hollick Family Foundation	10,000	10,000
National Lottery Community Fund	44,700	43,963
Allen & Overy Foundation	1,667	9,166
Refugee Action Organisation	-	3,888
Westminster Amalgamated	4,000	4,000
Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity	2,083	2,917
The Grace Trust	1,000	-
London Councils	<u>190,421</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><b>539,254</b></u>	<u><b>312,703</b></u>

**6. RAISING FUNDS**

**Raising donations and legacies**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Advertising & marketing	<u>5,826</u>	<u>9,077</u>

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 9) £	Totals £
Provision of legal services	447,710	-	447,710
Support costs	<u>4,200</u>	<u>35,751</u>	<u>39,951</u>
	<u><b>451,910</b></u>	<u><b>35,751</b></u>	<u><b>487,661</b></u>

**8. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Provision of legal services	<u>-</u>	<u>3,078</u>

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## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued** **for the year ended 31 March 2023**

### **9. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs
	£
Support costs	<u><b>35,751</b></u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

#### **Governance costs**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	Support costs	Total activities
	£	£
Independent examination	3,429	3,250
Legal & professional fees	4,916	11,775
Bookkeeping fees	1,856	1,203
Consultancy fees	<u><b>25,550</b></u>	<u><b>27,396</b></u>
	<u><b>35,751</b></u>	<u><b>43,624</b></u>

### **10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u><b>831</b></u>	<u><b>740</b></u>

### **11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

#### **Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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### 12. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	295,426	282,486
Social security costs	24,110	21,127
Other pension costs	<u>9,271</u>	<u>6,432</u>
	<b><u>328,807</u></b>	<b><u>310,045</u></b>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	9	9
Direct	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Administration	<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

### 13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations	10,968	-	10,968
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Provision of legal services	292,231	163,811	456,042
Investment income	<u>61</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>303,260</u></b>	<b><u>163,811</u></b>	<b><u>467,071</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	9,077	-	9,077
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Provision of legal services	203,815	163,811	367,626
Support costs	<u>50,154</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,154</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>263,046</u></b>	<b><u>163,811</u></b>	<b><u>426,857</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	40,214	-	40,214
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	266,014	-	266,014

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**13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>306,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>306,228</u>

**14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2022	-	5,562	5,562
Additions	<u>2,083</u>	<u>1,244</u>	<u>3,327</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,083</u>	<u>6,806</u>	<u>8,889</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2022	-	4,556	4,556
Charge for year	<u>39</u>	<u>792</u>	<u>831</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>39</u>	<u>5,348</u>	<u>5,387</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,044</u>	<u>1,458</u>	<u>3,502</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>1,006</u>	<u>1,006</u>

**15. WORK IN PROGRESS**

	2023 £	2022 £
Work in progress	<u>73,864</u>	<u>84,885</u>

**16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	20,250	82,903
Other debtors	45,355	47,376
VAT	1,592	-
Prepayments	<u>8,135</u>	<u>13,877</u>
	<u>75,332</u>	<u>144,156</u>

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**17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	7,189	5,050
Social security and other taxes	9,067	6,124
VAT	-	7,300
Other creditors	2,027	46
Deferred income	34,829	82,050
Accrued expenses	<u>13,261</u>	<u>4,429</u>
	<u><b>66,373</b></u>	<u><b>104,999</b></u>

**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	306,228	87,943	394,171
	<u>306,228</u>	<u>87,943</u>	<u>394,171</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>306,228</b></u>	<u><b>87,943</b></u>	<u><b>394,171</b></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	239,463	(151,520)	87,943
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Legal Services	34,500	(34,500)	-
Legal Advice	44,700	(44,700)	-
Windrush	33,125	(33,125)	-
Grenfell Tower	37,554	(37,554)	-
General Support	1,667	(1,667)	-
Immigration Advice	<u>190,421</u>	<u>(190,421)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>341,967</u>	<u>(341,967)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>581,430</b></u>	<u><b>(493,487)</b></u>	<u><b>87,943</b></u>



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### 18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

#### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	266,014	40,214	306,228
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>266,014</u>	<u>40,214</u>	<u>306,228</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	303,260	(263,046)	40,214
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Legal Services	48,000	(48,000)	-
Legal Advice	48,130	(48,130)	-
Training	4,300	(4,300)	-
Windrush	15,578	(15,578)	-
Grenfell Tower	34,749	(34,749)	-
COVID-19 Support	3,888	(3,888)	-
General Support	<u>9,166</u>	<u>(9,166)</u>	-
	<u>163,811</u>	<u>(163,811)</u>	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>467,071</u>	<u>(426,857)</u>	<u>40,214</u>

The Legal Service fund is to provide the salaries of caseworkers, solicitors, key management and their associated costs. This is funded by Trust for London.

The Legal Advice Fund is to enable the charity to improve access to legal advice services. The grants were funded by City Bridge Trust for core costs, and by National Lottery Community Fund for welfare benefits and housing advice.

The Windrush Fund is to cover the legal cost of people affected by the government removing those who came over to the UK on the Windrush. The grant was funded by Paul Hamlyn Foundation and Trust for London.

General support was funded to help people in education, employment and other general support. The fund was provided by Allen & Overy Foundation.

The Grenfell fund is to support the salary and associated costs of a paralegal/caseworker to support clients with cases related to the Grenfell Tower Fire and is funded by the Kensington & Chelsea Foundation.

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**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Covid -19 Support was to provide Specialist advice services, support the organisation during the pandemic, purchase of equipment, deploying staffs and to support the vulnerable during Covid - 19. This was funded by Law Centre Network, Refugee Action Organisation and Kensington & Chelsea Foundation.

Training fund was provided by Access to Justice Foundation for management and leadership training for a member of staff.

Immigration Advice was provided by London Councils to deliver immigration advice to people who are or who are at risk of sleeping rough.

**19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.